



Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



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Artwerks First Saturdays in Glendale's Centerline District

Kicks off Oct. 1. Historic Downtown Glendale will turn into a living masterpiece on the first Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as First Saturdays happens just east of Murphy Park. [Learn more](#)



Follow Glendale's Events on Facebook and Enter to Win the Ultimate Glendale Glitters Experience! Become a fan of Arizona's Best Festivals (Glendale's signature events) at www.facebook.com/ArizonasBestFestivals and enter for your chance to win the ultimate Glendale Glitters contest, plus get updates, previews and more on upcoming events. [Click here](#) for more information.

New Neighborhood Capacity Grants Program. The Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Partnership Office are pleased to announce a new grants program for Glendale Neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Capacity Grants program is designed to help neighborhoods remain engaged, involved and healthy by offering four types of grants to meet their specific needs:

- Community Building and Events Grants
- Neighborhood Activities Grants
- Small Capital Improvements Grants
- Partnerships and Programs Grants

To learn more about this new program and how your neighborhood can apply, please [click here](#) or call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868.

GLENDALE POLICE NEWS

Police to Host 2011 Shred Event. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation Saturday, October 1, 2011 for the city's "Shred It and Forget It" event.

This is a free "drive-thru" event designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft impacts at least 9 million people each year. Shredding documents, instead of throwing them in the garbage, is an essential tool in combating identity theft.

Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site, free of charge. Law Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents with the shredding of up to five (5) boxes (banker-size) of personal documents per household. The event will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Target Store, 10404 North 43rd Avenue.

Event participation is on a first come, first served basis. For more information about this free event, please call (623) 930-4030.



Glendale Police Will Use OffenderWatch. The Glendale Police Department is pleased to announce the use of *OffenderWatch*®, one of the nation's leading registered sex offender management and community notification tools. The Glendale Police Department believes the shift to *OffenderWatch*® will help to ensure that the public receives the latest information within their neighborhoods.

Offenders move frequently, so in addition to searching for offenders in your area, the community can stay informed through the free e-mail alert system. *OffenderWatch*® is updated throughout the day as offender addresses and other offender information are updated. Residents may confidentially register as many addresses as they wish. *OffenderWatch*® will send an email alert if a new offender registers

an address within a specified distance of any address registered. There is no cost for this service and no limit to the number of addresses that can be registered. The personal information on those who choose to use this service is all confidential.

Law enforcement agencies around the country utilize *OffenderWatch®* to manage and monitor the whereabouts and compliance status of the registered sex offenders. [Click here](#) to search for offenders in your area and sign up for e-mail alerts.

Early Literacy Play Spaces Installed at Glendale Libraries. Thanks to a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act, the Glendale libraries have installed unique and innovative play spaces. These kid-friendly interactive stations, decorated with colorful shapes, textures, facts, and images, are specifically designed to promote early literacy skills for children.

For more information or a listing of upcoming events and early literacy activities at your local Glendale library, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library and click on library events.

Around Town

29th Annual Fire Prevention Day & Parade. Join us for this exciting Glendale tradition on Saturday, Oct. 8. The parade starts at 9 a.m., at 52nd and Glendale avenues and ends at Murphy Park. Parade goers will enjoy fire vehicles, marching bands, clowns, scouts and much more! Food vendors, hands-only CPR demonstrations, safety information booths and activities for the entire family will be located in Murphy Park until 1 p.m. Join in on the fun! [Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Public Library Offers e-Reader Workshop. Glendale Public Library is offering a workshop to help potential e-reader buyers sort out the differences between five of the top-rated devices: the Sony Pocket Reader; the Barnes & Noble Nook; the Barnes & Noble Nook Color; the Amazon Kindle; and the Apple iPad.

The free workshop, "Introduction to E-Book Readers," will be held on Wednesday, October 12 and repeated on November 16 and December 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Digital librarian Marlene Jacobson will give an overview of the features, specifications and functions of each device. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore each of the devices.

There are significant differences in the devices that the workshops will cover, including screen types, navigation, wireless capability, screen size and weight, supported file formats, price, library borrowing compatibility and vendor bookstore selection.

To register for the free workshop call 623-930-3531 or stop by the reference desk at the Main Library.

An Alternative to Traditional Trick or Treating. Join us for the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Trick or Treat from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, October 28 at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. The fun will include carnival games, face painting, a costume parade, and arts and crafts. The Lil' Drama Dance Troupe will also be there to perform their "Thriller" dance. The Trick or Treat passport is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Parents are free and are required to stay.

For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Thunderbird Global Business Dialogue "Redefining Global Leadership." An elite group of global business executives, global leaders, government officials, NGO representatives, and thought leaders from around the world will unite on Thunderbird's campus Nov. 10-11 for two days of leading-edge dialogue, networking and collaboration on today's most pressing global business topics. The Thunderbird Global Business Dialogue will focus on "Redefining Global Leadership," and discussion will include an exchange of ideas related to effective leadership in the new world economy; accelerating business across cultures; financial solutions for global growth and prosperity; navigating emerging markets and beyond; technology and its impact in an interconnected world; and the role of business in social and economic prosperity worldwide. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dine & Glitter is Back! Friday, Dec. 9. Dine & Glitter is a co-op type event for small and mid-size companies to celebrate with employees at a cost-effective shared holiday party. Companies can reduce costs by sharing the main ballroom of the Civic Center, yet each business also has a designated dining area of their own. Last year 150 guests from several Valley companies attended Dine & Glitter!

Then step outside the Civic Center to enjoy Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend, part of Glendale Glitters' outdoor holiday festival with 1.5 million twinkling lights! [Click here](#) for more information or to RSVP online. For information, call the Glendale Civic Center at 623-930-4300.

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